[Smart Ways to Give in 2021]

Tax Changes that Boost Deductions for Charitable Giving

1. 2021 universal charitable deduction for cash gifts up to $300 ($600 for couples) for all taxpayers, including those who do not itemize.

   **HOW DOES IT WORK?**
   Donors who do not itemize (claim the standard deduction) are able to benefit from an additional tax break (up to $300 for cash gifts per individual) in addition to the standard deduction in 2021.

   **STANDARD DEDUCTION + $600 = $600**
   **Tax Break for Couples**

2. IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution
   Making a charitable donation through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), also known as an IRA Charitable Rollover, continues to be a smart and tax-efficient way to give for many donors.

   **HOW DOES IT WORK?**
   IRA donors who are 70 ½ at the time of the gift may transfer any amount up to $100,000 directly from their IRA to Canisius College. This gift satisfies all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) without increasing your adjusted gross income (AGI). You will also not pay federal income tax on your qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

3. Removal of the cap on charitable contributions for cash gifts for individuals.
   In 2021, individuals can deduct cash donations up to 100% of their 2021 adjusted gross income (AGI).*

   **HOW DOES IT WORK?**
   If a donor has an AGI of $100,000 and makes a cash gift of $100,000 to Canisius College in 2021, the charitable deduction is $100,000 or 100% of the total gift amount.

   *Before 2020, individuals who funded their charitable donations with cash (via check, credit card, payroll deduction, wire transfer etc.) could only take a charitable deduction of up to 60 percent of their AGI, no matter how much they gave.

4. For more information on making a gift to Canisius College

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